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LETTER DATED 23 SEPTEMBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the resolution adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its 106th session, held in Cairo on 17 September 1996, concerning the dispute between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and three Western countries and entitled "Coercive measures and threats by the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya".

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Coercive measures and threats by the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

The Council of the League,

Referring to the content of the Final Communiqué of the Arab Summit Conference held in Cairo from 21 to 23 July 1996,

Recalling its previous resolutions on this matter, the most recent of which was resolution 5552 of 12 March 1996,

Referring to the communiqué issued on 11 April 1996 by the joint meeting of the Arab Committee of Seven and the African Committee of Five established to deal with the matter,

Expressing its profound concern at the damage sustained in human and material terms by the Libyan people as a result of the coercive measures imposed on it under Security Council resolutions 748 (1992) and 883 (1993),

Regretting the failure of the three Western countries to respond to the efforts that have been made to find a settlement based on the principles of international law, in a context of mutual understanding and constructive dialogue,

Expressing its appreciation to regional organizations such as the Organization of African Unity, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the Organization of the Islamic Conference for their solidarity with the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in this crisis,

Reiterating paragraph 163 of the Final Document issued on 20 October 1995 by the Eleventh Conference of Heads of State and Government of Non-Aligned Countries held in Colombia, resolution 23 adopted by the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Solidarity and Tolerance) held in Conakry from 9 to 12 December 1995 and the resolution adopted in this connection by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting at Yaoundé, Cameroon, from 1 to 5 July 1996,

DECIDES

1. To reiterate its previous resolutions on solidarity with the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and to support that country's efforts to find a peaceful solution to the crisis;

2. To reiterate the practical suggestion made in resolution 5373, adopted by the Council of the League on 27 March 1994, namely, that the two suspects should be judged equitably and impartially by the Scottish judges in conformity with Scottish law, and that their trial should take place at the seat of the

International Court of Justice at The Hague, subject to the necessary guarantees;

3. To express its regret that sanctions continue to be imposed on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, despite the efforts and initiatives of various regional and international organizations aimed at finding a peaceful solution to the crisis, and to call for an end to the sanctions;

4. To support the right of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to seek adequate compensation for the losses and damage which it has sustained in material and human terms as a result of the application of Security Council resolutions 731 (1992), 748 (1992) and 883 (1993);

5. To express its appreciation for the efforts made by the Arab Committee of Seven and the African Committee of Five, in view of the success of their joint meeting, held on 11 April 1996 at the Secretariat of the League, in coordinating Arab and African efforts aimed at finding a just and peaceful solution to the crisis, and to ask the Arab Committee of Seven to pursue its efforts to that end;

6. To entrust the Secretary-General with responsibility for developing a practical approach to the identification of appropriate ways and means whereby the Libyan people may be spared further hardship;

7. To continue to include this matter as a permanent item on the Council's agenda until such time as a solution is found;

8. To assign to the Secretary-General responsibility for monitoring the implementation of this resolution.